

Sinclair Broadcasting has a responsibility to provide balanced coverage of political issues. Their decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary just before the election is unethical and an example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and what satisfies the political desires of their ownership and less of what we need for our democracy. By forcing their stations to show a pro-Bush documentary with no opportunity for a pro-Kerry documentary, there are acting unfairly

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.